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SUBJ: ANTILLEAN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, FRENCH WEST INDIES

REF: BY TELETYPE DATED DECEMBER 28, 1987, FROM THE AMERICAN b6 b7C
EMBASSY BRIDGETOWN TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE CAPTIONED
"GUADLOUPE TERRORISTS THREATEN ANTIGUAN OFFICIAL," ADVISED:

1. SUMMARY. [redacted] ALL EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT IT OCCURED BECAUSE OF [redacted] CONNECTIONS TO GUADALOUPE TERRORISTS. REQUEST LEGATT TAKE ACTION AS NECESSARY. END SUMMARY.

2. THE STORY ABOUT GUADALOUPAN TERRORISTS [redacted] IS APPARENTLY TRUE. WE FINALLY MANAGED TO CORNER VERE C. BIRD, JR. ON DECEMBER 22 AND HE TOLD US THE FOLLOWING. (HE WAS VERY RELUCTANT TO GIVE THIS INFORMATION TO [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

3. THE INCIDENT. [redacted]

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[redacted]

4. BACKGROUND. VERE JR. HAS INDEED BEEN GOING TO GUADALOUPE FOR YEARS. [redacted] HIS LAST TRIP WAS IN MARCH, 1987. AT THAT TIME [redacted] HIS NAME HAD BEEN MENTIONED ON THE +UNDERGROUND (I.E. ARC/TERRORIST) RADIO STATION IN CONNECTION WITH US 11 MILLION DOLLARS WHICH HE SUPPOSEDLY HAD RIPPED OFF FROM THE POOR PEOPLE OF FRANCE AND GUADALOUPE. (THE FACTS: VERE HAD ARRANGED AN (USD) 11 MILLION FRENCH LOAN FOR RESURFACING ANTIGUAS RUNWAY, AND THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE BECAME SOMETHING OF A SCANDAL IN FRANCE AND IN ANTIGUA). VERE SAID THAT HE STARTED RECEIVING THREATENING LETTERS AND PHONE CALLS FROM THE ARC PEOPLE, TRYING TO EXTORT MONEY. FIRST THEY ASKED FOR USD ONE MILLION, THEN LATER THEY

BRIDGETOWN LEGATT TO TAKE WHATEVER ACTION HE DEEMS

NECESSARY.

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TO: [redacted]

FROM: [redacted]

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6. ON NOVEMBER 25 VERE ARRIVED IN NEW YORK LATE IN THE AFTERNOON AND FOUND THAT [redacted] HAD CALLED THEM (HER FULL NAME IS [redacted] VERE DID NOT TALK TO THE POLICE HIMSELF, HE SAID, BECAUSE THERE WERE THREATENING PHONE CALLS TO THE HOUSE SAYING THAT [redacted] MENTIONED TO THE POLICE THE GUADALOUPE CONNECTION. b6 b7C

7. IN EARLY DECEMBER, VERE FLEW TO PARIS [redacted] HE WAS PROMPTLY CONTACTED BY LOCAL ARC TERRORISTS WHO GAVE A COMPLET ACCOUNT OF HIS MOVEMENTS SINCE ARRIVAL. THEY WARNED HIM AGAINST MENTIONING ANYTHING TO THE FRENCH POLICE. AT THIS POINT HE BEGAN TO GET WORRIED, HE SAID. UPON HIS RETURN TO ANTIGU@ HE FOUND A LETTER FROM THE ARC GROUP THREATENING TO [redacted] IF HE DID b6 b7C

NOT PAY MONEY. THE LETTER HAD BEEN POSTED FROM GUADALOUPE

BEFORE NOVEMBER 25.

8. VERE FURTHER TOLD US THAT [redacted] AND THAT THE TERROR-

ISTS WERE ACCUSING HIM OF FINGERING THEM. THE TWO

[redacted] b6 b7C b7E

[redacted] TOLD HIM THAT [redacted]

COMMENT: THERE ARE SEVERAL DEFINITE FACTS HERE:

[redacted] b6 b7C b7E

THE GUADALOUPE CONNECTIONS OF V. C. JR., WHICH HAS

BEEN COMMON KNOWLEDGE FOR YEARS= HE DID SUPPORT ONE

OF THE FACTIONS OF THE INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT THERE BE-

CAUSE [redacted] HE DID BACK

OFF AND TRY TO CUT HIS CONNECTIONS= HE IS GENUINELY

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FRIGHTENED AT THE MOMENT. WE HAVE LEARNED WITH EXPERIENCE THAT VERE JR. OFTEN EMBROIDERS THE TRUTH SOMEWHAT, BUT WE TAKE MOST OF HIS ACCOUNT AS FACTUAL BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES. [redacted] IS INVOLVED IN THIS GUADALOUPE CONNECTION IS MOST UNLIKELY. END COMMENT.

9. ACTION REQUESTED. VERE BIRD JR. RELUCTANTLY GAVE US PERMISSION TO TELL HIS STORY TO WHATEVER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WE THINK APPROPRIATE. THEREFORE WE REQUEST THE

SETTLED ON DOLS 35 THOUSAND PER MONTH. HE REFUSED TO

PAY AND DID NOT TAKE THE SITUATION SERIOUSLY UNTIL [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] IT WAS

INDEED SERIOUS. [redacted]

5. IT WAS AT THIS TIME THAT VERE HIRED [redacted]

(THIS IS

FROM OTHER SOURCES, NOT [redacted] ENTER [redacted]

[redacted] TWO SHADY CHARACTERS, BOTH

[redacted]

HELP VERE CONVINCE THE ARC PEOPLE TO +GET OFF

HIS CASE,+ [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] AT THE

END OF OCTOBER VERE AND [redacted]

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